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APPLICANT: Thappa GROUP ART UNIT: 3763  
SERIAL NO.: 09/695,116 EXAMINER: Ghafoorian  
FILING DATE: Oct. 24, 2000 ATTY. DOCKET NO.: THA-P-00-001  
INVENTION: "CLOSED END INFUSION CATHETER WITH AN INTRODUCER AND A METHOD FOR USING THE SAME"

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is a AMENDMENT in response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2002 for the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	MINUS	20	X 0	X 9.00 X 18.00	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	X 0	X 39.00 X 78.00	0
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	\$130.00 \$260.00 ONE TIME	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						0

- ☒ The Asst. Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Acct. No. 50-0595. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

When phoning re this application, please call 773/772-6009.

BY :

Brian M. Mattson Reg. No. 35,018

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the attached Amendment and transmittal letter (in duplicate) are being deposited as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Asst. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 12, 2003.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. A catheter for placing within a body, the catheter comprising:  
a flexible hollow body defining a length between a top end and  
a bottom end wherein the top end is closed and wherein the top end  
tapers to a cylindrical tube;  
a diameter defined by the cylindrical tube;  
a width defined by the bottom end of the flexible body wherein  
the width is greater than the diameter;  
a locking mechanism located on the bottom end of the flexible  
body;  
a first notch located a distance from a point at which the top  
end meets the cylindrical tube;  
a second notch located a distance from the bottom end;  
a cylindrical body defining a cross with a length defined  
between a pointed end and a flat end;  
a first part having a uniform width and a length defined  
between the pointed end and the flat end; and